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To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require lobbyists to disclose the candidates, leadership PACs, and political party committees for whom they collect or arrange contributions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SESTAK, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. McNULTY, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR LOBBYISTS TO SUBMIT**
2 **QUARTERLY REPORTS ON CERTAIN CON-**
3 **TRIBUTIONS.**

4 Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2
5 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(d) **QUARTERLY REPORTS ON OTHER CONTRIBU-**
8 **TIONS.—**

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 45 days
10 after the end of the quarterly period beginning on
11 the 20th day of January, April, July, and October
12 of each year, or on the first business day after the
13 20th if that day is not a business day, each reg-
14 istrant under paragraphs (1) or (2) of section 4(a),
15 and each employee who is listed as a lobbyist on a
16 current registration or report filed under this Act,
17 shall file a report with the Secretary of the Senate
18 and the Clerk of the House of Representatives con-
19 taining—

20 “(A) the name of the registrant or lob-
21 byist;

22 “(B) the employer of the lobbyist or the
23 names of all political committees established or
24 administered by the registrant;

25 “(C) the name of each Federal candidate
26 or officeholder, leadership PAC, or political

1 party committee, to whom aggregate contribu-
2 tions equal to or exceeding \$200 were made by
3 the lobbyist, the registrant, or a political com-
4 mittee established or administered by the reg-
5 istrant within the calendar year, and the date
6 and amount of each contribution made within
7 the quarter;

8 “(D) the name of each Federal candidate
9 or officeholder, leadership PAC, or political
10 party committee for whom a fundraising event
11 was hosted, co-hosted, or sponsored by the lob-
12 byist, the registrant, or a political committee es-
13 tablished or administered by the registrant
14 within the quarter, and the date, location, and
15 total amount (or good faith estimate thereof)
16 raised at such event;

17 “(E) the name of each Federal candidate
18 or officeholder, leadership PAC, or political
19 party committee for whom aggregate contribu-
20 tions equal to or exceeding \$200 were collected
21 or arranged within the calendar year, and to
22 the extent known the aggregate amount of such
23 contributions (or a good faith estimate thereof)
24 within the quarter for each recipient;

1 “(F) the name of each covered legislative
2 branch official or covered executive branch offi-
3 cial for whom the lobbyist, the registrant, or a
4 political committee established or administered
5 by the registrant provided, or directed or
6 caused to be provided, any payment or reim-
7 bursements for travel and related expenses in
8 connection with the duties of such covered offi-
9 cial, including for each such official—

10 “(i) an itemization of the payments or
11 reimbursements provided to finance the
12 travel and related expenses, and to whom
13 the payments or reimbursements were
14 made with the express or implied under-
15 standing or agreement that such funds will
16 be used for travel and related expenses;

17 “(ii) the purpose and final itinerary of
18 the trip, including a description of all
19 meetings, tours, events, and outings at-
20 tended;

21 “(iii) whether the registrant or lob-
22 byist traveled on any such travel;

23 “(iv) the identity of the listed sponsor
24 or sponsors of such travel; and

1 “(v) the identity of any person or en-
2 tity, other than the listed sponsor or spon-
3 sors of the travel, who directly or indirectly
4 provided for payment of travel and related
5 expenses at the request or suggestion of
6 the lobbyist, the registrant, or a political
7 committee established or administered by
8 the registrant;

9 “(G) the date, recipient, and amount of
10 funds contributed, disbursed, or arranged (or a
11 good faith estimate thereof) by the lobbyist, the
12 registrant, or a political committee established
13 or administered by the registrant—

14 “(i) to pay the cost of an event to
15 honor or recognize a covered legislative
16 branch official or covered executive branch
17 official;

18 “(ii) to, or on behalf of, an entity that
19 is named for a covered legislative branch
20 official, or to a person or entity in recogni-
21 tion of such official;

22 “(iii) to an entity established, fi-
23 nanced, maintained, or controlled by a cov-
24 ered legislative branch official or covered

1 executive branch official, or an entity des-
2 ignated by such official; or

3 “(iv) to pay the costs of a meeting, re-
4 treat, conference, or other similar event
5 held by, or for the benefit of, 1 or more
6 covered legislative branch officials or cov-
7 ered executive branch officials;

8 “(H) the date, recipient, and amount of
9 any gift (that under the standing rules of the
10 House of Representatives or Senate counts to-
11 wards the \$100 cumulative annual limit de-
12 scribed in such rules) valued in excess of \$20
13 given by the lobbyist, the registrant, or a polit-
14 ical committee established or administered by
15 the registrant to a covered legislative branch of-
16 ficial or covered executive branch official; and

17 “(I) the name of each Presidential library
18 foundation and Presidential inaugural com-
19 mittee, to whom contributions equal to or ex-
20 ceeding \$200 were made by the lobbyist, the
21 registrant, or a political committee established
22 or administered by the registrant within the cal-
23 endar year, and the date and amount of each
24 such contribution within the quarter.

25 “(2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
2 subsection, contributions, donations, or other
3 funds—

4 “(i) are ‘collected’ by a lobbyist where
5 funds donated by a person other than the
6 lobbyist are received by the lobbyist for, or
7 forwarded by the lobbyist to, a Federal
8 candidate or other recipient; and

9 “(ii) are ‘arranged’ by a lobbyist—

10 “(I) where there is a formal or
11 informal agreement, understanding, or
12 arrangement between the lobbyist and
13 a Federal candidate or other recipient
14 that such contributions, donations, or
15 other funds will be or have been cred-
16 ited or attributed by the Federal can-
17 didate or other recipient in records,
18 designations, or formal or informal
19 recognitions as having been raised, so-
20 licited, or directed by the lobbyist; or

21 “(II) where the lobbyist has ac-
22 tual knowledge that the Federal can-
23 didate or other recipient is aware that
24 the contributions, donations, or other

1 funds were solicited, arranged, or di-
2 rected by the lobbyist.

3 “(B) CLARIFICATIONS.—For the purposes
4 of this paragraph—

5 “(i) the term ‘lobbyist’ shall include a
6 lobbyist, registrant, or political committee
7 established or administered by the reg-
8 istrant; and

9 “(ii) the term ‘Federal candidate or
10 other recipient’ shall include a Federal
11 candidate, Federal officeholder, leadership
12 PAC, or political party committee.

13 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the fol-
14 lowing definitions shall apply:

15 “(A) GIFT.—The term ‘gift’—

16 “(i) means a gratuity, favor, discount,
17 entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbear-
18 ance, or other item having monetary value;
19 and

20 “(ii) includes, whether provided in
21 kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in
22 advance, or reimbursement after the ex-
23 pense has been incurred—

24 “(I) gifts of services;

25 “(II) training;

1 “(III) transportation; and

2 “(IV) lodging and meals.

3 “(B) LEADERSHIP PAC.—The term ‘lead-
4 ership PAC’ means with respect to an indi-
5 vidual holding Federal office, an unauthorized
6 political committee which is associated with an
7 individual holding Federal office, except that
8 such term shall not apply in the case of a polit-
9 ical committee of a political party.”.

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